

## PEASANT AGITATION IN RUSSIA A PERIL

Imperial Rescript Creating Commission to Discuss Question of Land Tenures.

### IMPERIAL DOMAINS THREATENED

Some Danger That Shrewd Agitators May Use Document to Further Their Own Ends.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The imperial rescript addressed yesterday to the minister of the interior, M. Bouligand, creating a special commission under his presidency to discuss the questions relating to peasant tenure of lands, is a direct recognition of the grave peril involved in the spreading peasant agitation which threatens not only the big estates but the imperial domains. The instructions in the rescript to work out a system clearly marking off peasant land from the land of other owners, "in order to include in the people a perception of property ownership," amounts to an imperial refutation of the stories current among the peasants that the emperor had decreed a new division of the land.

It is feared, however, it may have exactly the contrary effect to the one desired among the ignorant peasantry, and that shrewd agitators will be able to employ the rescript bearing upon the general subject of the increase of peasant lands as being a confirmation instead of a denial of the reports that the agitators had previously circulated about the emperor's intention to redistribute the land.

Two methods of relief are proposed by the rescript—the purchase of additional land by the aid of a peasant's bank and the colonization of Siberia.

The creation of the new commission, which is simultaneously abolished, M. Witte's commission, which was of a much broader character, covering all questions relating to peasant administration, created a tremendous stir two years ago, being the signal for much outspoken criticism of the present regime on the part of the zemstvos, notably that of Tver, which was "revised" out of existence by the late interior minister von Plehve.

An immense amount of material was collected by the commission, but its work became so diffuse and it accomplished so little in the way of tangible results, that its passing away has aroused no regret. But the supplanting of one commission by another serves to emphasize the criticism of the liberals in regard to the failure of reforms conducted by bureaucratic commissions.

The government claims, however, that as the work of the new commission is being restricted solely to the question of devising ways for supplying the peasants with additional land, it should speedily accomplish something. Nevertheless, in quarters familiar with the situation among the peasants serious doubts are expressed as to whether the rescript will have an appreciable effect in allaying the agrarian agitation.

"Like all the acts of the autocracy it comes too late," said a prominent nobleman who has a large estate near Mogilev and who considers it unsafe to live upon his property.

The active head of the new commission will be M. Gotsynkin, a former

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Minister of the interior, who is extremely well equipped for the work assigned to him. For a long time he was the senator in charge of the senate section relating to peasant affairs, in which he is an expert. M. Gotsynkin was minister of the interior for a short time before M. Sipiaguine, and his administration generally was not marked by any of the harshness which drew down upon the heads of his two successors the doom of the terrorists.

### MOSCOW WORKMEN RECEIVED.

St. Petersburg, April 15, 1:15 a. m.—In receiving a delegation of workmen from Moscow yesterday Finance Minister Kokovoff gave notice to the workmen of Russia that a government commission is now formulating legislation to remedy the greater part of their grievances, including state insurance against sickness, abolishing the prohibition of unions and criminal punishment for strikes, and for the establishment of an industrial court in which employers and employed shall be represented.

The minister pointed out to the delegation the impossibility of elaborating in a moment legislation of such weighty and far-reaching character. He declared that the energy with which the commission is working gave it the right to demand sufficient time for the preparation and consideration of the proposed laws and said that industrial disturbances such as have occurred in hamper instead of furthering the work.

The interview with the minister of finance, lasting an hour and a half, is another indication of the general conciliatory spirit of the government. The evident desire to cure, wherever possible, the maladies of the empire is manifested by the peasant commission, the Finance and Police commissions and the establishment of the Bouligand commission. The government throughout takes the stand that all these reforms are too great to be lightly or hastily handled, and that premature and ill-considered legislation would be worse than none at all. It appeals to the dissatisfaction to give their rulers a full and fair chance to accomplish the legislation they demand.

### RAILWAY MEN INCLUDED.

St. Petersburg, April 15, 5:15 a. m.—Before leaving St. Petersburg for Siberia to superintend the improvement of the Transiberian railway and to inaugurate a river transportation service in Siberia, Minister of Railways Hilko issued a circular to every employee of a large amount of correspondence, announcing that he had ordered the speedy preparation of legislation covering many points for the improvement of conditions of service and the rights of employees in accordance with a petition by workmen, as well as a disciplinary statute.

He promised to consider an increase of wages in some cases and the abolition of a large amount of correspondence, and red tape in railway management, but he reminded the employees that many of their demands cover unsatisfactory conditions necessarily connected with the existing state of war.

### Flour for Japan.

San Francisco, April 15.—It is estimated that shipments of flour aggregating 2,000,000 barrels will leave this coast for Japan between now and June 15, the object of shippers being to get the freight into Japanese ports before July

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### Excited Bidding for Curios.

New York, April 15.—Excited bidding has resulted in some unusually high prices for curios at Christie's, according to a Herald dispatch from London. The sale was attended by a large crowd, including many well known dealers in England, France and America.

A superb old Chinese silver vase, enamelled in silver with birds and flowers sold for \$10,300.

A magnificent old Sevres oviform vase and cover, the companion of which is in the royal collection at Buckingham palace, was bid up to \$21,000, at which figure it was sold. The precious article stands only 16½ inches high, and was made in 1763.

### Suit Against Laing Dismissed.

Chicago, April 15.—The embezzlement charges against Cuthbert Laing, for alleged conversion of the \$439,000 estate of his daughter, Mrs. Adelaide Laing McComb, have been dismissed. Attorneys for Robert C. Burkholder, who signed the complaint, appeared and agreed to the dismissal, asking five days' time in which releases might be drawn and signed by all parties.

"The daughter has agreed to drop the prosecution, the payment of \$100,000 having been accepted in full settlement," said her attorney, when the case was called.

The \$100,000 was paid by Dr. V. C. Price, one of Laing's bondsmen.

### Michigan Defeats Chicago.

Chicago, April 15.—The University of Michigan has won the annual intercollegiate debate against the University of Chicago, thereby earning the title of champion of the Central Debating League.

The question was, "Resolved, that the preservation of the Chinese empire is for the best interests of civilization." Michigan had the negative side of the question.

### Garcelon Convicted.

Butte, Mont., April 15.—A minor special from Bozeman says that the jury in the case of George Garcelon charged with the murder of Harry Brown Jan. 17, last, had returned a verdict of manslaughter, leaving the punishment with the court. Trouble over the attentions paid Brown's wife by Garcelon is believed to have caused the tragedy.

## SEARCH ENDS TRIUMPHANTLY

Ambassador Porter Succeeds in Finding the Body of John Paul Jones.

### FOUND TO BE WELL PRESERVED.

Will be Brought to United States and Interred in National Cemetery at Arlington.

Paris, April 14.—The remarkable search which Ambassador Porter has conducted for the body of John Paul Jones has been crowned with success by the discovery of the body and its identification today by the highest French medical experts as unquestionably that of the famous American admiral who founded the American navy.

Ambassador Porter cabled to Washington tonight announcing the successful result of his long and difficult search. The body is in a good state of preservation, considering the interval took place over 100 years ago.

The circumstances leading to the final discovery of the body are particularly interesting. Gen. Porter has conducted the search for the last five years and when Congress recently took no action upon the president's recommendation for the expenses incident to the search, the ambassador continued the extensive labors at his own expense.

A large force of workmen has been engaged night and day tunneling and cross-tunneling the old St. Louis cemetery. This constituted a huge operation, embracing nearly a block covered with buildings and requiring a system of subterranean mining.

Hundreds of wooden caskets were found, but not until Wednesday were uncovered four leaden caskets which gave promise of containing the body of the admiral. Three of them bore plates designating the names of the deceased. The fourth showed superior solidity of workmanship. No plate was found on this casket and it is supposed it was removed when another coffin was superimposed on it. The leaden coffin was opened in the presence of Gen. Porter, Col. Bailey Blanchard, second secretary of the American embassy, and Engineer Weiss, who has been directing the excavation.

The body was found to be well preserved, owing to its being immersed in alcohol. It was wrapped in a sheet with a packing of straw and hay. Those present were immediately struck by the resemblance of the head to that on the medallions and bust of the admiral.

As was anticipated, no uniform, decoration or sword were found, as all such articles had been accounted for after the burial.

The coffin is shaped like a mummy-coffin, with coils a common at that period, widening from the feet to the shoulders, with a round top fitting over the head.

The coffin was taken to the medical school, where Dr. Capitain and Papilau, the distinguished professors of the school of anthropology, recognized authorities on such investigation were charged with making a thorough examination for the purpose of identification.

To facilitate this the ambassador furnished them with portraits and medallions, two busts by Houdon, authentic descriptions of the color of the admiral's hair and the height and measurement of his body.

After the most minute examination the following facts were fully substantiated: Length of body, five feet seven inches; admiral's height; size and shape of the head agree with several peculiarities identical with the head of the admiral.

Hair, dark brown, the same as the admiral's; in places slightly gray, indicating a person of his age, 45 years. The hair is long, reaching below the shoulders, and is combed back and gathered in a clasp at the back of the neck.

The face is clean shaven, all corresponding exactly with the descriptions, portraits and busts of the admiral.

The linen is in good condition. One article bears an initial either "J" or an inverted "P." The body was carefully packed. The limbs were wrapped in lin, presumably for sea transportation as indicated in a letter of the admiral's nearest friend and a pall bearer of his funeral, Col. Blackden, who said:

"His body was put in a leaden coffin, so that in case the United States, which he had so essentially served, should claim his remains, they might be more easily removed."

Finding that all the internal organs were singularly well preserved, the doctors made an autopsy which showed distinct proofs of the disease from which the admiral is known to have died. The identification was pronounced complete in every particular.

Care has been taken to keep the body in its present state of preservation. It will be placed in a handsome casket and deposited in the receiving vault of the American church on the Avenue de l'Alma until the ambassador can learn the opinion of the government concerning the most appropriate means of transporting it to the United States and giving a fitting sepulchre to the body of the illustrious sailor whose place of burial had so long remained a mystery.

### BODY WILL BE BROUGHT TO AMERICA.

Washington, April 14.—Ambassador Porter's dispatch announcing the finding of the body of John Paul Jones reached the state department today.

It is probable that a recommendation will be made to Congress at its next session looking to Ambassador Porter's reimbursement. The remains of John Paul Jones are to be brought here and interred in the National cemetery at Arlington, and it is likely that the transfer will be made the occasion of an interesting demonstration. It is probable that Secy. Morton will send a battleship to France to bring the body home.

### Foreign Mission in Korea.

New York, April 15.—Edwin V. Morgan, the new American minister to Korea, has formed a working alliance with those interested in foreign missions at a banquet given in his honor by William Dulles, Jr., treasurer for the foreign mission board of the Presbyterian church.

There were half a hundred guests, among them being Rev. George Alexander, president of the mission board. He said American diplomacy is becoming more and more altruistic every day. "If any of the missionaries in Korea," he advised Mr. Morgan, "call you for gunboats and try to flourish the big

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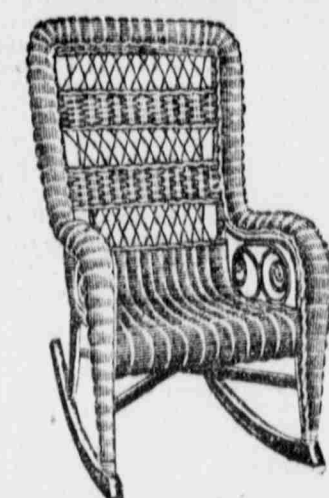
There are two classes of purchasers: those who are informed as to the quality of what they buy and the reasons for the excellence of articles of exceptional merit, and who do not lack courage to go elsewhere when a dealer offers an imitation of any well known article; but, unfortunately, there are some people who do not know, and who allow themselves to be imposed upon. They cannot expect its beneficial effects if they do not get the genuine remedy.

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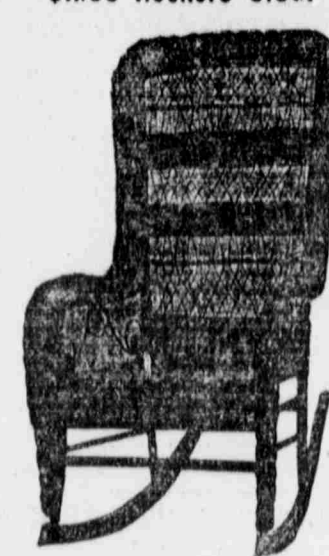
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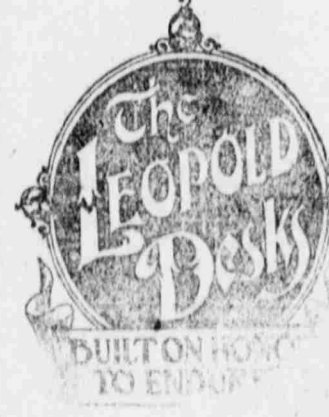
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Spring is the season when most every one needs a tonic. It is nature's time for renewing and changing; and as everything puts on new life, the sap rises in vegetation, the earth thaws out from its winter freezes, and all respond to Spring's call to purge and purify themselves, there is a great change also takes place in our bodies. The blood endeavors to throw off the poisons and accumulations which have formed in the system, and been absorbed by it, from the inactive winter life, and calls upon every member to assist in the elimination. The system is often unequal to the struggle, the appetite grows fickle, the energies give way, the spirits are depressed, and a general run-down condition is the result.

Then the body must have assistance—it must be strengthened and aided by a tonic, and S. S. S. is the ideal one. Being made entirely from roots, herbs and barks, it does not disagreeably affect the system in any way as do most of the so-called tonics on the market, which contain Potash or some other harmful mineral ingredient to derange the stomach and digestion, unfavorably affect the bowels, or otherwise damage the health. S. S. S. tones up the stomach and digestion and assists in the assimilation of food; it rids the system of that always-tired, worn-out feeling, and imparts vigor and tone to every part of the body. It re-establishes the healthy circulation of the blood, stimulates the sluggish organs, and calms the unstrung nerves which make one feel that he is on the verge of prostration. S. S. S. gives an appetite and relish for food that nothing else does, and by its use we can find ourselves with as hearty, hungry an appetite in Spring as at any other season.

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